



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation  
and Electronic CITES Permitting Systems 2025

1. The notification is issued by the Secretariat.
2. The sixth United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation was launched in January 2025. It is a joint initiative by the United Nations Regional Commissions and the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in cooperation with other institutions. The data from the survey will be collected, verified and validated from January to June 2025, and the results are planned to be published in July 2025.
3. After the successful pilot-testing, one question on the implementation of electronic CITES permit/certificate system has been incorporated into the new sub-group 'Green Trade Facilitation' in the Survey. The CITES Secretariat will facilitate data collection for this question, with the gathered information anticipated to enhance understanding of the progress in implementing electronic permitting systems among CITES Parties.
4. The Parties are therefore requested to respond to the question attached to this notification or through this [online form](#), preferably by **31 March 2025**. Alternatively, the Parties may submit their responses to the focal points for the Survey (usually Ministry or Department of Trade, Customs or similar agencies) or by email to the CITES Secretariat (see below).
5. More information about the Survey is available at: [unftsurvey.org](https://unftsurvey.org).
6. Any responses or questions regarding this notification may be directed to Mr. Salehin Khan ([khan.salehin@cites.org](mailto:khan.salehin@cites.org)), copy to [info@cites.org](mailto:info@cites.org). Indicating the number of the present notification in the subject of the email.

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